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U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, February 15.—Last 24 hours' rainfall, .00. Temperature, Max. 77; Min. 70. Weather, fair.

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THE WAR SCARE A GOOD THING FOR THE ISLANDS

McClellan Started the Debate Which Brought Out the Taft Letter—Delegate Kalanianoʻole III—Harbor Improvements.

(Mail Special to the Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 31.—There has been a great deal to do here in recent days about appropriations for fortifying Honolulu. A scare has been abroad about a probable war with Japan and a letter by Secretary Taft to the Senate Committee on Appropriations, asking for additional appropriations for fortifying Pearl Harbor, has been much quoted as an indication of the feeling that Japan is waiting for a favorable moment to open fire. The situation is set forth in the following article which appeared this morning in the Washington Post:

"Is there a war cloud in the far East? Has any Oriental power been conducting itself in such a way as to arouse the suspicions of the War Department? If not, members of Congress were asking each other yesterday, why should Secretary Taft, in a letter to Chairman Allison, of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, urging more funds for the protection of the Hawaiian Islands, make this statement:

"There is every reason why the fortifications at Hawaii should be made ready."

"At the present moment there are no fortifications on these islands that could be relied on in case of war with any power. Late Tuesday the Senate passed an appropriation bill for fortifications which contained an allowance of but \$100,000, which is \$250,000 less than the Secretary asked for. There is now \$260,000 available under last year's appropriations, and it is the Secretary's desire to expend at least \$600,000 for fortifications in Hawaii. But the Secretary refrains from stating in his letter any reason why he deems it necessary to immediately fortify the Hawaiian Islands.

"The text of his letter is as follows:

"I write to urge upon you that the appropriation for Pearl Harbor be made \$350,000, instead of \$100,000. We can certainly expend this in the next year and there is every reason why the fortifications of Hawaii should be made ready. Will you not bring this to the attention of your committee and the Senate? The enclosed statement from the national coast defense board, recently appointed, shows the fact. I send it to you at the suggestion of Senator Perkins."

"The report of the national coast defense board, referred to by the Secretary, was made to the President and by him transmitted to Congress a year ago. In sending it the President himself strongly indorsed the board's recommendations, which included a sweeping revision of the plans of the old Endicott board designed to completely modernize the coast defense plans.

"The board makes a strong argument for the construction of 14-inch guns, a type now unknown in the service, instead of the present 12-inch guns, for the fortification of these points, in view of the wide channels to be protected.

"However, the defense scheme for Pearl Harbor and Honolulu as finally submitted is on the basis of the existing types of ordnance, and the board has asked for these items: Six 12-inch guns, four 6-inch guns, sixteen 12-inch mortars, costing, with their carriages and emplacements, altogether \$2,544,390 submarine mines, \$225,260; powder plants, \$34,469 for the central, and \$34,469 for the reserve; searchlights, \$95,000; fire control, by which is meant an elaborate system of electrical communication, enabling the commanding officer to control the fire of all the batteries with entire precision from one point, \$320,656, making the total of the estimate submitted \$3,254,244."

As a matter of fact the scare has been encouraged a good deal to promote the chances of generous appropriations for the navy. The navy officers have a strong organization here and are doing all they possibly can to secure legislation that will increase

the navy and also increase their own chances of promotion.

McCLELLAN'S GOOD WORK.

The Taft letter really grew out of the activity of Mr. George B. McClellan, of the Merchants' Association, to have the appropriation for fortifications at Pearl Harbor segregated from the appropriations for the Philippines. The Senate Committee on Appropriations gave Mr. McClellan a half hour's hearing on the subject and agreed with him on the wisdom of separating the items. It made an amendment in the bill, setting aside \$100,000 for building emplacements in Hawaii and in the open Senate this was increased to \$200,000. Senator Perkins, who had charge of the fortifications bill consulted with Secretary Taft about it and the secretary wrote the committee reiterating his request previously made that the committee appropriate \$350,000 for Hawaii. The amendment making the appropriation separately for Hawaii now goes into conference, as does the amendment increasing the separate amount from \$100,000 to \$200,000. In any event there will be large sums for fortifications in Hawaii within the next year as there is now \$268,000 available.

An effort on the floor of the House by ex-Speaker Keifer to secure an amendment appropriating \$100,000 to purchase sites for fortifications in Hawaii has been misunderstood there. This grew out of an error by the Associated Press in transmitting the article. The House voted that amendment down because it was explained that the government had already purchased sites for fortifications in Hawaii and that the money now needed was for emplacements, fire control, etc.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Delegate Kalanianoʻole has been ill with grip for several days but was up to the Capitol yesterday and is able to attend to his Congressional duties. He has received several letters about the fortifications item.

Mr. E. C. Shorey, chemist at the Federal experiment station at Honolulu, arrived here yesterday from Honolulu, and is registered at the Shoreham. Mr. Clemons, the attorney of Honolulu, is also here. He came to Washington yesterday for the purpose of being admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States. He was presented by Mr. F. M. Hatch and then started for Vermont to visit his family there. Mr. Clemons' father is in poor health.

Mrs. Henry Waterhouse and her daughter have been in Washington for a week and gone to New York where they will meet Mrs. George Castle and may go with her on a trip to the Mediterranean, beginning February 5. If not they will return to Honolulu in about a month.

LOCAL HARBOR IMPROVEMENT.

The Rivers and Harbors bill is being considered before the House and probably will reach a vote there by the end of this week. Hilo and Honolulu are provided for in the bill, as has already been communicated to Hawaii. The language of the bill for those two projects is as follows:

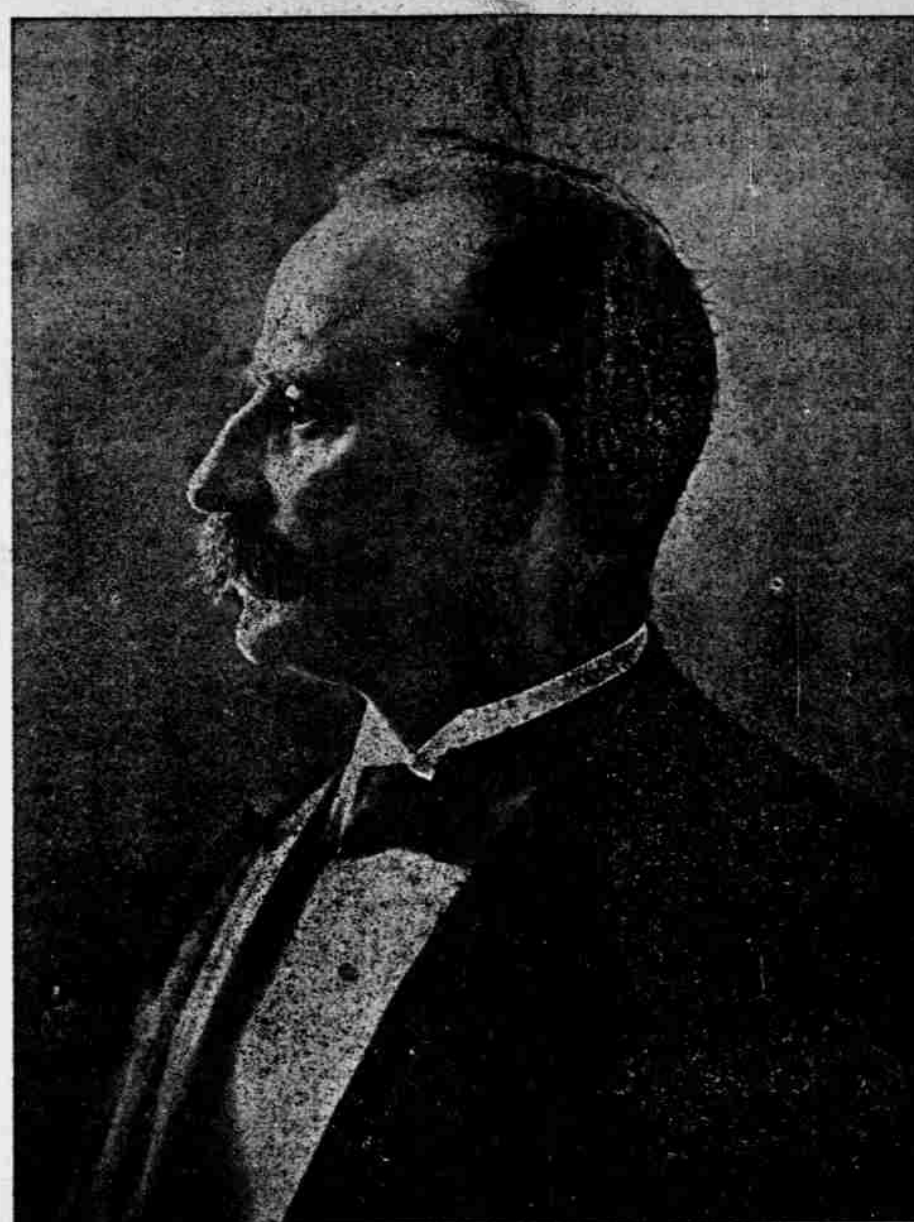
"Improving Honolulu Harbor, Hawaii: Continuing improvement and for maintenance, according to the report submitted in House Document numbered three hundred and thirty-two, Fifty-ninth Congress, second session, two hundred thousand dollars: Provided, That a contract or contracts may be entered into by the Secretary of War for such materials and work as may be necessary to prosecute said project, to be paid for as appropriations may from time to time be made by law, to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate two hundred thousand dollars, exclusive of the amounts herein and heretofore appropriated.

"Improving Hilo harbor, Hawaii, in accordance with the project submitted in House Document numbered four hundred and thirty-two, Fifty-ninth Congress, second session, two hundred thousand dollars: Provided, That a contract or contracts may be entered into by the Secretary of War for such materials and work as may be necessary to prosecute said project, to be paid for as appropriations may from time to time be made by law, to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate two hundred thousand dollars, exclusive of the amounts herein and heretofore appropriated.

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SAN FRANCISCO MAKES TERMS

ANDREW BROWN IS IN A VERY CRITICAL CONDITION



ANDREW BROWN.

Andrew Brown was very low last night and it was doubtful, during the evening, that he would survive. Later in the day he rallied a bit but remained in a critical condition. Mr. Brown has been an invalid for nearly two years, rheumatism being succeeded by creeping paralysis. He has been a useful citizen of Hawaii, having held important offices and making a good record in local condition. Mr. Brown has been in attendance upon the stricken man.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Interesting Plans Are Arranged for Floral Parade.

The various committees in charge of the automobile parade are now complete with the exception of several aids, to be chosen by the heads of the committees to act on the day of the parade:

1907 FLORAL PARADE COMMITTEE.

W. F. Dillingham, Chairman.
Chas. F. Chillingworth, Marshal.
Geo. C. Potter, Assistant Marshal.
J. R. Galt, R. H. Trent, Automobiles.
R. W. Shingle, Horses and Carriages.
F. Andrade, Pa-u Riders.
Harold Dillingham, Riders other than Pa-u.

E. H. Paris, Bicycles.
Geo. P. Denison, Arrangement of Grounds.
Geo. Cooke, Social Clubs and Evening Entertainment.

Walter G. Smith, Frank L. Hoogs, Wallace R. Farrington, Publicity.
John F. Soper, Tickets.
H. P. Wood, Secretary.
A. Gartley, Promotion Committee.

There is a widespread inquiry for horses and from present indications it would appear that every available saddle horse in Honolulu and vicinity will appear in the parade.

The pa-u section will have about sixty or seventy riders and some of the streets of Honolulu were brilliant yesterday with the colors of the pa-us. Several clubs were out in force accompanying their horses to the flowing ends of the pa-u skirts. Mr. Frank Andrade has this section of the parade in charge and he has already received from the ranches along the Oahu railway more than thirty horses. They are now stabled at the Club Stables ready for the riders. It will be a vast amount of work to get these horses accustomed to carrying riders with flapping pa-us. These horses will have to be clipped.

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HILO WORK NEW ONE

The \$400,000 Is Probably Intended to Be Repeated.

The following is a list of appropriations made for improvements which may be designated as new projects, although some of them are closely connected with or extensions of projects already adopted. For all of these an amount sufficient for completion has been appropriated or authorized."

So reads the preamble to the schedule in the House committee's report on the Rivers and Harbors bill which contains the two items of \$200,000 each in parallel columns for Hilo harbor, one for expenditure forthwith and one for continuing contracts. Honolulu harbor's \$400,000 is in the schedule of old works.

As it is generally understood that a round million dollars will be required to build the Hilo breakwater, the second sentence above no doubt refers to the latter clause of the first sentence. The works for which "an amount sufficient for completion" would then be those "closely connected with or extensions of projects already adopted."

Next year then, providing the \$400,000 has been expended or is in course of expending under continuing contracts, Hilo harbor would come in for an additional appropriation—probably enough to complete the works—in the category of "extensions of projects already adopted." If the bill passes Congress and is approved by the President, the only anxiety remaining to be felt here is that actual work should begin. Whenever the first contract is let there will be assurance that the breakwater will be finished.

DEFENCE OF HAWAII.

The moral power of the nation, it appears, is not strong enough to guard our possession of Hawaii without heavy guns. Secretary Taft, who agrees with everybody that the Panama canal needs no fortifications, insists on speedy defenses at Pearl Harbor. Having "done expanded," we must pay the cost, which promises to be increasingly heavy, with no compensating gain.—Boston Herald.

Agrees to Abolish Separate Schools if Congress Will Pass Amended Immigration Bill.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The San Francisco Japanese controversy has been settled on these terms: When Congress passes the amended immigration bill, the San Francisco school board will abolish separate schools for the races. The President has promised, in case the immigration bill fails, to call an extra session of Congress.

ITALIAN POET DEAD.

BOLOGNA, February 16.—Carducci, the Italian poet, is dead.

Giosue Carducci was born at Val-di-Castello, Tuscany, July 27, 1835. He was a professor at Bologna University and a Senator. His literary output was very large.

TOLSTOI'S SON IN TROUBLE.

ST. PETERSBURG, February 16.—A son of Count Leo Tolstoy has been indicted for treason because of his printing a pamphlet written by his father.

SUFFRAGETTES GAIN A POINT.

LONDON, February 16.—A bill has been introduced in the Commons granting the suffrage to all married and rate-paying women.

TURKISH MUTINEERS.

SUEZ, February 16.—A mutiny occurred on a Turkish transport here yesterday. Three hundred men jumped overboard and all escaped but ten, who were drowned.

AFTERNOON CABLE REPORT.

LONDON, February 15.—A gigantic scheme of the distilleries to defraud the Government of revenues has been discovered here. Underground pipes have been found which connect with the duty-paid warehouse.

WASHINGTON, February 15.—Mrs. Bradley has been indicted for murder in the first degree on the charge of shooting ex-Senator Brown of Utah. The shooting occurred in a Washington hotel.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 15.—The motion to eliminate one of the proposed battleships has been lost in the Senate.

SEATTLE, Wash., February 15.—The bank at Ellensburg, Wash., has been broken into and the safe robbed of \$3000.

SEATTLE, Wash., February 15.—A severe storm at Valdez, Alaska, has caused a great deal of suffering in that section.

THE NEW ATHLETIC GROUNDS AT PUNAHOU

The extensive plan of building improvement now well under way at the Oahu College grounds will cost \$130,000 when everything is completed. Of this from \$8000 to \$10,000 will be spent on a new athletic field, which will be made between the President's new house and Manoa road. The field will be a spacious one, large enough to accommodate both a football field at the end of the grounds, nearest the President's house, and a baseball diamond at the other end. In leveling off the grounds it is designed to direct the operations around the sides and ends so as to make natural seats about the field, thus forming a sort of natural Greek amphitheater out of the grounds on somewhat the same plan as at Berkeley, California. The old campus will be used by the pupils of the Preparatory school for their games.

The College has just made the purchase of the Chamberlain property on Wilder avenue on which they will construct the outbuildings in connection with their fine new dormitories, which are now well on their way to completion.

While looking after the physical and temporal welfare of their students, the increase of students which made the extra accommodations requisite at the College buildings has also made it necessary to secure a new teacher, and the authorities at Oahu College have now sent after one.

IROQUOIS GOES TO MARE ISLAND

An unauthenticated rumor of last night says that Admiral Very has ordered the captain of the U. S. S. Iroquois to be ready to sail on Tuesday next for San Francisco. The Iroquois has been here for seven years without repairs, and it will now be laid up for a couple of months at Mare Island, and will undergo a thorough overhauling.